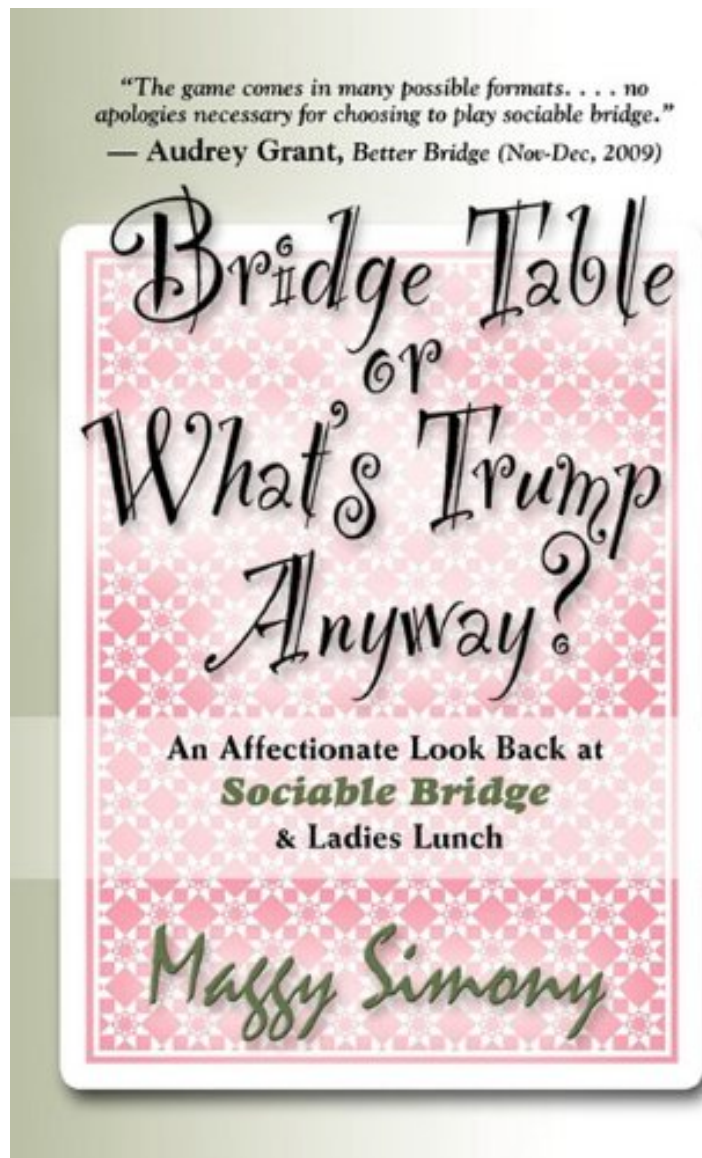


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5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. A Review of "Bridge Table" by Someone Whose Been ThereBy Karen DempseyI saw this book reviewed in my monthly ACBL bridge magazine and knew I just had to check it out. I have played social bridge for years with many 'lunches' and I am now also playing in the more serious duplicate world. I was very impressed with all the research by the the author into the history of the game from its earliest beginnings to today. The book is an easy read and lots of fun. As I read I found myself saying, "Yes" that is how it was or "Oh, yeah, I remember that." I recommend this book to anyone who plays bridge; in fact, it is on loan from my library to the gals in my 'ladies bridge and lunch group'.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Much Ado About What Could Have Been MoreBy Nancy EvinsI was disappointed that much had to do with recipes and not any bridge hands or comments on play of the hand.I did remember playing in ladies' clubs where the members barely knew the basics and gossip was more the order of the day (or night). I did enjoy the accounts of Culbertson, Goren, etc.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. this is fun since the author resentedly passed away at 97 and ...By spam607As a bridge player, this is fun since the author resentedly passed away at 97 and still playing bridge

Part pop culture, part history, part cookbook--Bridge Table or What's Trump Anyway? tells the story of this classic--and classy--card game and the decades-lasting bridge clubs it has created ever since the 1890s. This story, from a sociable-bridge-playing woman's viewpoint for the first time, is told in 52 short chapters of notes, quotes, anecdotes, comment, menus and recipes, even a few bits of poetry. It is the perfect gift for your bridge-playing friends whether they play sociable or serious bridge.The American Contract Bridge League Bulletin said: "...wonderful history of contract bridge...makes a great case for why [sociable bridge] deserves new devotees...an unexpectedly fun read." And Marla Paul, author of Friendship Crisis (about the difficulty of making and keeping friends in this transient world) commented: "Now I know what's missing from my life. A weekly game of social bridge...can provide the social glue of life-long friendships."

". . . Simony will grab your attention with her wonderful history of contract bridge and its immediate predecessors of whist, bridge-whist and auction bridge. . . . presents excerpts from an amazing collection of cookbooks and women's magazines dating to the early days of the game . . . recipes that are specific to that era and purpose: the bridge party. . . . She is encouraged by a retro resurgence of interest in ladies' home bridge, and makes a great case for why it deserves new devotees. This is an unexpectedly fun read."--Paul Linxwiler --ACBL Bulletin, March 2010"There are millions of bridge players in North America, even tens of millions, yet only a small percentage are represented by the competitive bridge leagues. Maggy wanted a book that put a spotlight on the vast majority of players whom she feels are responsible for the growth of the game. . . . The game comes in many possible formats. The players decide what they want from the game. . . . decide what it will bring to their lives, and there are no apologies necessary for choosing to play sociable bridge." --Audrey Grant, Better Bridge, Nov-Dec 2009"Your book is wonderful and deserves wide recognition. The ladies luncheons described in Maggy Simony's Bridge Table hearken back to an era that predates the nouveau chic of celebrity chefs and the blaring gaucherie of television cooking shows. Here is a way of dining that is all about charm, sociability and friendship--food as a way to share good times with others. This book is a virtual time machine taking readers back to those wonderful bygone meals." --Jane Michael Stern, Roadfood.com"Maggy Simony's book is delightful. Meticulously researched yet conversational and personal, it vividly--and often humorously--depicts an aspect of American life that hasn't been covered much in print. Bridge Table made me want to whip up some chicken-salad-something-or-other, call up a few friends and spend the day at the table like my grandmother used to do." --Amy Faust, Morning Show Co-Host, 99.5, Portland, OR"All bridge players, who have an interest in the evolution, history . . . of the game of bridge, should read this. . . . a fascinating and original perspective. . . . Maggy Simony has produced something lasting and original . . . a unique time capsule" --Claus Raymond, Bridgeguys.comFrom the AuthorIt is my late-life "cause" that the kind of sociable bridge game I play not end with my generation of bridge-playing old ladies. Serious bridge has the ACBL (American Contract Bridge League) to see that it grows and thrives in this new millennium. Sociable bridge has only me (that I know of)and my book as its advocate because even though sociable bridge players outnumber serious players by the millions, we have no organizational structure. I'm hoping our boomer daughters will take up their mom's favorite card game which, once learned, lasts a lifetime and (scientists are saying) helps to reach a dementia-free old age.From the Back CoverYou don't need to play bridge to enjoy this book about the subterranean sisterhood of sociable bridge and ladies bridge lunch. Is there a town in America without at least one such bridge club that's lasted for decades? Bridge Table is especially for bridge-playing women, boomer daughters, food editors, devotees of Retro pop culture--even serious bridge players.